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*VIA FAX 571-273-0025*  
REFERENCE number Patent US 6,575,941 B1

Dear Sirs:

I have just discovered via a phone call to your office today that there is a refund check for my maintenance fee in the amount of \$1255 that is on hold at the office of Finance.

Please use those funds to transfer to my petition for reinstatement.

It appears that somehow the address for notification about the maintenance fee distribution was wrong and we never received any notification about the maintenance fee acceptance or rejections.

This expiration was inadvertent and not intentional. Evidence is so clear since the Office of Finance has been holding my maintenance fee for almost a year. Once you apply this 1255.00 please let me know what other fees I should pay to make sure the maintenance fee is completed and we are reinstated. I am not sure how this mix up occurred but we do not the patent reinstated.

I by mistake marked on the PDF petition to reinstate my patent status that I had a deposit account and that you should take the funds from that account. I thought since the Accounting office was holding this 1255.00 that it would be in a Deposit account. They just called me and told me that it is not in a deposit account but to merely state that the moneys are on hold in my name there in their office.

Thank you for your prompt response.

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

Docket Number (Optional)

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Patent No. US 6,575,941 B1 Application Number 60/119,373

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The above – identified patent



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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$	7 ½ yr fee	(1552)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$	7 ½ yr fee	(2552)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$	11 ½ yr fee	(1553)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	11 ½ yr fee	(2553)

MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$☒ Please charge Deposit Account No.

the sum of \$ 1288.00

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No.

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**7. OVERPAYMENT**

As to any overpayment made please

OR

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Credit to Deposit Account No.

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Send refund check

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**8. STATEMENT**

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

**9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED**

Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

Date

Typed or printed name(s)

Registration Number, if applicable

Telephone Number

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

**ENCLOSURES**☐

Maintenance Fee Payment

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Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

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Request that fee that is being held at Patent finance office be used for this reinstatement purpose